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1. All the previously observed Soviet Air Force units in the Soviet Zone of Germany were again reported during the period 17 - 31 May 1950. No changes in the locations of the air units were noted. The present locations of the units are assumed to be as follows:

<u>Fighter Units</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observed number of aircraft</u>
Corps headquarters	Wittenberg	
Division headquarters	Alt-Loennewitz	
One regiment	Alt-Loennewitz	56
One regiment	Alt-Loennewitz	69
One regiment	Dessau	57
Division headquarters	Grossenhain	
One regiment	Grossenhain	18
One regiment	Brandis	52
One regiment	Grossenhain	10
Division headquarters	Zerbst	
One regiment	Zerbst	45
One regiment	Brandenburg-Briest	61
One regiment	Zerbst	49
	Total	417 aircraft
Corps headquarters	Wittstock	
Division headquarters	Peenemuende	
One regiment	Peenemuende	51
One regiment	Peenemuende	?
One regiment	Neubrandenburg	?
Division headquarters	Finow	
One regiment	Finow	62
One regiment	Finow	54
One regiment	Oranienburg	51

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<u>Fighter Units</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observed number of aircraft</u>
Division headquarters	Laerz	
One regiment	Laerz	62
One regiment	Laerz	40
One regiment	Parchim	<u>48</u>
	Total	368 aircraft

2. The stated total of aircraft results from the observation of the varying numbers of aircraft assigned to the individual units reported since mid-February 1950. The comparatively large number of planes assigned to one regiment can probably be attributed to the fact that the regiments which are being equipped with jet planes are provided with aircraft in excess of the authorized T/E strength.
3. According to the above list, the fighter units of the 24th Air Army are equipped with at least 785 aircraft, not including two regiments of the Peenemuende division. It must be taken into consideration that not all of the aircraft assigned to the fighter regiments were observed. The total strength of the fighter units, therefore, is estimated at about 900 planes.
4. Generally, it cannot be ascertained whether the aircraft are jet planes or conventional fighters. A counting of the jet planes is, therefore, not possible. Only occasionally are individual planes reported landing at a speed of 250 to 280 km/h. From this speed it is assumed that jet planes are concerned.

<u>Bomber Units</u>	<u>Location</u>
Corps headquarters	Unknown
Division headquarters	Unknown
Three regiments	Werneuchen and Strausberg (these two air-fields, located so close to each other, are considered as one. Other reports indicate that two bomber regiments are stationed in Werneuchen and one bomber regiment in Strausberg.)
One regiment	Drewitz
One regiment	Welzow
One regiment	Dresden-Klotzsche

6. The number of aircraft assigned to the individual regiments cannot be determined. According to available reports, a total of about 240 bombers must be assumed to be on hand.

<u>Ground Attack Units</u>	<u>Location</u>
Corps headquarters	Not observed (other reports indicate stationed in Falkensee)
Division headquarters	Unknown
Two regiments	Doeberitz
One regiment	Schoenwalde
One regiment	Staaken
One regiment	Stendal
One regiment	Jueterbog-Altes Lager (?)

} One division

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The strength of the ground attack regiments could not be ascertained. According to other reports, it amounts to about 250 planes.

8. Air Transport Regiment

Location: Altenburg. This regiment is equipped with about 40 planes.

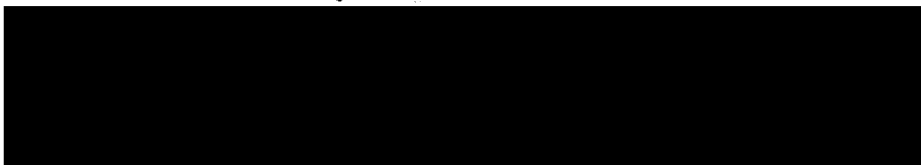
9. Air Reconnaissance Regiment

The air reconnaissance regiment previously stationed in Koethen was again observed. Its present location was not determined. According to available reports, it is no longer stationed in Koethen. No information on its present location has been received.

10. Other Units

- a. The regiment previously designated as the training regiment of the bomber corps was again observed in the Schoenwalde-Staaken area. Two such regiments, each of which seemed to be assigned to a bomber division, were reported in 1949. Only one of these regiments has been reported since early 1950.

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- c. The following Soviet Air Force officers have been mentioned:

Captain Balzin,	assigned to	Stendal radio station
?	Morozov,	" " Burg " "
?	Sychugov,	" " Burg " "

- d. It is reported that personnel discharges are apparently under way at Burg and Stendal, on or about 31 May 1950.

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